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SUBJECT: CONSULAR CONVENTION NEGOTIATIONS

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1. AGREEMENT WAS REACHED ON DUAL-NATIONAL ISSUE AT MEETING JULY 2 BETWEEN EMBOFFS AND MFA OFFICIALS, THEREBY REMOVING LAST SUBSTANTIVE OBSTACLE TO SIGNING CONSULAR CONVENTION. FINAL MEETING SCHEDULED FOR JULY 3 TO RESOLVE MINOR TEXTUAL QUESTIONS, COMPARE CZECH AND ENGLISH TEXTS, AND REACH AUTHORITY VERSIONS OF BOTH. PREVIOUSLY GOVERNMENT-LEVEL NEGOTIATIONS AND INITIALING OF TEXTS WILL NOT TAKE PLACE. CONVENTION CAN BE READY FOR SIGNATURE BY JULY 7.

2. MFA AGREED TO ACCEPT TEXT OF US PROPOSAL ON DUAL NATIONALS WITH ADDITION OF PARAGRAPH SPECIFYING THAT ONLY US NATIONALS CAN RECEIVE US PASSPORTS AND THAT ONLY CZECHOSLOVAK CITIZENS CAN RECEIVE CZECHOSLOVAK PASSPORTS. AGREEMENT WILL BE IN FORM OF EXCHANGE OF LETTERS BETWEEN FOREIGN MINISTER AND US SIGNER.

3. CZECHS HAVE ACCEPTED CHANGES IN ARTICLE 30 PROPOSED BY DEPARTMENT AND, IN SUBSTANCE, CHANGE TO BE MADE IN ARTICLE 28. CZECHS ALSO AGREED THAT CONVENTION WOULD BE BETWEEN COUNTRIES WITHOUT MENTION OF EITHER PRESIDENTS OR GOVERNMENTS AND HAVE MADE APPROPRIATE CHANGES IN CZECH TEXT.

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AFTER MEETING JULY 3 EMBASSY WILL CABLE DEPARTMENT ALL

CHANGES IN CZECH AND ENGLISH TEXTS PREVIOUSLY POUCHED TO
DEPARTMENT, SO THAT LANGUAGE SERVICES CAN CHECK CONFORMITY
OF TEXTS.

4. DEPARTMENT LEGAL OFFICER SHAMWELL NO IN PRAGUE AND HAS
READ AND APPROVED ABOVE. SHERER

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